

of America

Congressional Record

proceedings and debates of the 107^{th} congress, first session

Vol. 147

WASHINGTON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2001

No. 177

Senate

(Legislative day of Tuesday, December 18, 2001)

The Senate met at 11:30 a.m. on the expiration of the recess and was called to order by the Honorable John ED-WARDS, a Senator from the State of North Carolina.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Lloyd John Ogilvie, offered the following prayer:

Dear God, bless the Senators with the assurance that You are closer than their hands and feet and as available for inspiration as breathing. May this day be lived in companionship with You, so that they will enjoy the confidence of the promise You gave through Isaiah: "It shall come to pass that before they call, I will answer; and while they are still speaking, I will hear."—Isaiah 65:24.

Unite the parties in unity. When Your best for America is accomplished by creative compromise and cooperation, everybody wins, especially the American people. When this day closes, our deepest joy will be that we have worked together to achieve Your goals. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable JOHN EDWARDS led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

> U.S. SENATE. PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE, Washington, DC, December 19, 2001.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable John Edwards, a Senator from the State of North Carolina, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD, President pro tempore.

Mr. EDWARDS thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tem-

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

AGRICULTURE, CONSERVATION AND RURAL ENHANCEMENT ACT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will now resume consideration of S. 1731, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1731) to strengthen the safety net for agricultural producers, to enhance resource conservation and rural development,

to provide for farm credit, agricultural research, nutrition, and related programs, to ensure consumers abundant food and fiber, and for other purposes.

Pending:

Daschle (for Harkin) amendment No. 2471, in the nature of a substitute.

Wellstone amendment No. 2602 (to amendment No. 2471), to insert in the environmental quality incentives program provisions relating to confined livestock feeding operations and to a payment limitation.

Harkin modified amendment No. 2604 (to amendment No. 2471), to apply the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, to livestock production contracts and to provide parties to the contract the right to discuss the contract the right to discuss the contract the right to discuss the contract. tract with certain individuals.

Burns amendment No. 2607 (to amendment No. 2471), to establish a per-farm limitation on land enrolled in the conservation reserve

Burns amendment No. 2608 (to amendment No. 2471), to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to establish certain per-acre values for payments for different categories of land enrolled in the conservation reserve pro-

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from Nevada.

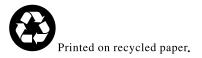
Mr. REID. Mr. President, for all Members of the Senate, we are very close to working out an arrangement this morning that should be good for everyone. I spoke to a number of farm State Senators last night and they thought it was very important that Senator HUTCHINSON of Arkansas be allowed to offer an amendment. We have worked throughout the night and the morning with Senator HUTCHINSON and worked out a time agreement on that,

NOTICE

Effective January 1, 2002, the subscription price of the Congressional Record will be \$422 per year or \$211 for six months. Individual issues may be purchased for \$5.00 per copy. The cost for the microfiche edition will remain \$141 per year with single copies remaining \$1.50 per issue. This price increase is necessary based upon the cost of printing and

Michael F. DiMario, Public Printer

• This "bullet" symbol identifies statements or insertions which are not spoken by a Member of the Senate on the floor.



S13647